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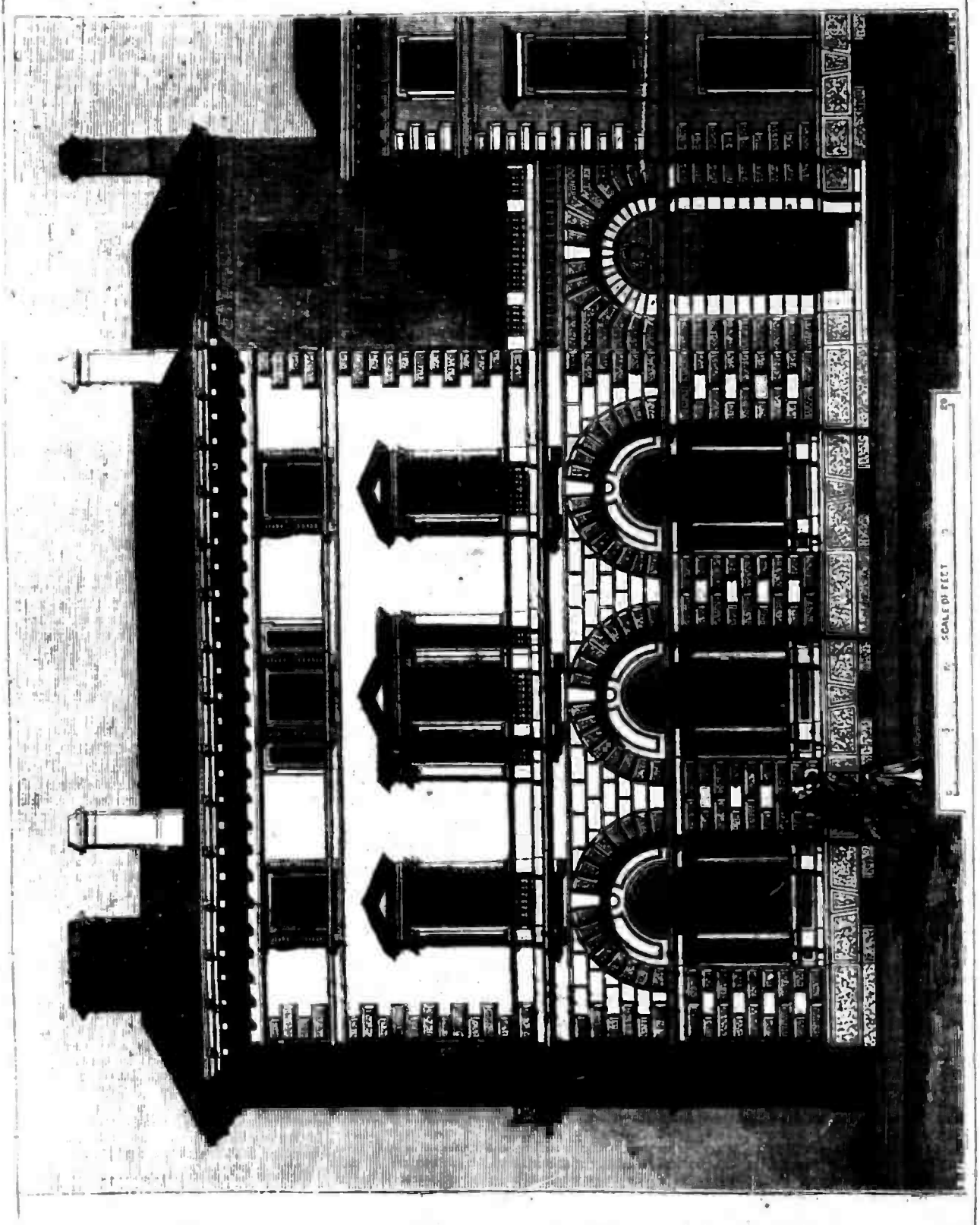

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IN the course of a recent article on Manchester we made a few remarks on a bank then only partly up, which was being erected in St. Ann's-square, for Sir Benjamin Heywood and Co., under the direction of Mr. J. E. Gregan, architect.

Amazed we now give an engraving of the entrance front. The main building contains, on the ground floor, the public office of the bank, with the safes beneath—all of fire-proof construction, as already mentioned; and in the upper stories the principal rooms of a residence for one of the head officers of the establishment: this part of the building is faced externally with Halifax stone. Those who are concerned in the erection say that, "with the exception of the small columns and architraves of window-dressings, every stone is placed upon its natural bed: being laid in the work exactly as it lay in the quarry. This precaution has been taken in order to prevent the premature decay which occurs too frequently in our stone buildings, and which is almost invariably to be seen on those stones standing on edge, that is, with their natural bed outwards, and consequently exposed to the corroding influence of the atmosphere."*

* The miserable condition of St. Ann's Church immediately opposite this bank (and a comparatively modern work), is ascribed by the Manchester people to this overnight. It was here that the accident with the steam pipes happened the other day.